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SUBJ: JAPAN NAMES NEW AMBASSADORS TO SWEDEN AND URUGUAY

1. FOLLOWING REGULAR CABINET MEETING APRIL 6 GOJ ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENTS OF SHIRO KONDO AS AMBASSADOR TO URUGUAY, AND TSUNEAKI UEDA TO SWEDEN. BOTH ARE CAREER DIPLOMATS.

2. SHIRO KONDO SERVED AS AEP TO CUBA 1969-72. BORN OCT 1, 1915, HE PASSED DIPLOMAT EXAM BEFORE GRADUATION FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY 1940, BUT WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY 1941 AS SECOND LT. ARMY FINANCE. AT WAR END, HE DEMOBILIZED AS CAPTAIN, AND ENTERED FOREIGN MINISTRY. AFTER ASSIGNMENTS IN POSTWAR CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE, AND PROCREMENT OFFICE, HE POSTED TO CHILE 1952 AS SECOND SECRETARY, AND LATER CONSUL. RETURNED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY 1956 TO SERVE IN AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, HE NAMES CHIEF, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA SECTION, 1958-61 (IN WHICH HE INVOLVED IN HANDLING CHE GUEVARRA VISIT TO JAPAN MID-1959). NAMED COUNSELOR MADRID 1961, CONSUL GENERAL PUERTO ALLEGRE 1966, AND CONSUL GENERAL SAN PAULO 1966.

3. TSUNEAKI UEDA HAS BEEN SERVING AS AEP TO HUNGARY SINCE
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1970. BORN NOV 25, 1915, HE JOINED FOREIGN MINISTRY SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATING TOKYO UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY 1937, SERVING IN GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND DURING WAR. VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY PRECEDED APPOINTMENT 1955 AS CONSUL, NEW YORK. TRANSFERRED TO BONN 1957 AS COUNSELOR, HE ALSO SERVED AS MEMBER JAPAN- GERMANY CULTURAL EXCHANGE COMMITTEE. APPOINTED CHIEF OF INFORMATION SECTION IN MINISTRY 1959, CONCURRENTLY CHIEF OF DOMESTIC INFORMATION SECTION 1961. APPOINTED COUNSELOR, EUROPEAN- AMERICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU 1961, ATTENDING 15 TH MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION, LONDON 1963 AS DEPUTY DELEGATE. APPOINTED CONSUL GENERAL SINGAPORE 19 64, AND AEP TO SINGAPORE 1966. IN 1968 NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, FOREIGN MINISTRY, SERVING AS MEMBER JAPAN- ROK JOINT COMMITTEE AND ATTENDING 1968 SEA MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AS DEPUTY DELEGATE. NAMED AEP TO HUNGARY 1970.

4. AS EARLY AS 1962 UEDA COMMENTED TO EMBOFFS THAT JAPAN WOULD PROBABLY SEEK TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PRC, THEN BEGINNING TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, RATHER THAN ACQUIRE OWN NUCLEAR DETERRENT.
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